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\$1,400 DONATION GIVEN TO RED CROSS

Employees of the Treasurer-Tax Collector "tax" themselves to help those in New York

The Office of the Treasurer-Tax Collector collects money in the form of property taxes that are used to provide services such as Police and Fire protection. While they are doing this for San Diego County, they are also working to help those in New York.

Bart Hartman, Treasurer-Tax Collector, announced today the donation of \$1,400 to the American Red Cross Liberty Fund. "This money represents donations made by employees of the Treasurer-Tax Collectors Office," said Hartman. "We were all moved by the events of September 11th, and decided we wanted to do something to help."

During the past two years the Treasurer-Tax Collectors Office has collected donations for the Polinsky Children's Center during the April and December collection period through the sale of popcorn at their "Taxes R Us" tent on the County Administration Center's lawn. "In addition to providing the highest level of customer service, we have also strived to find other ways to help our community," added Hartman. "Rather than attempting to raise money during this difficult time, our employees opened their wallets and purses and gave of what they have."

The Treasurer-Tax Collector will once again be raising funds for the Polinsky Children's Center through the sale of popcorn beginning November 27th at the County Administration Center, located at 1600 Pacific Highway in San Diego.